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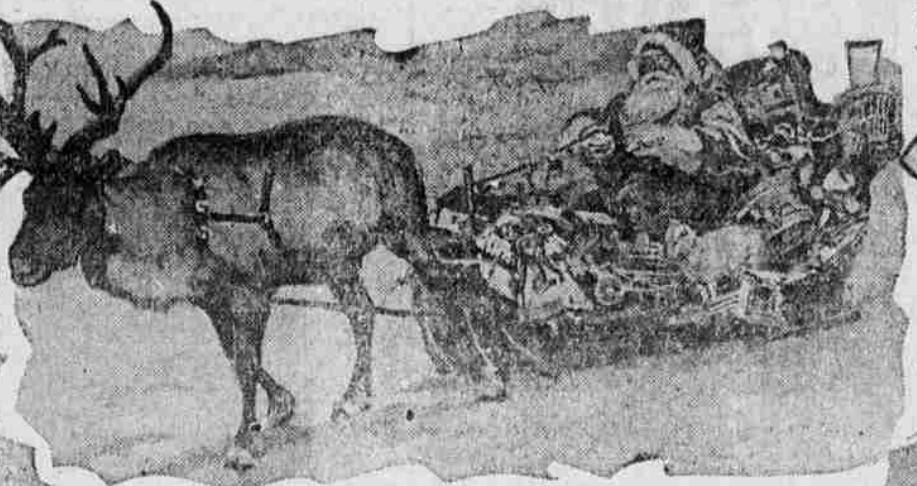
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'Twas the day before Christmas, and up in the north  
With his presents old Santa prepared to set forth  
On a visit to children to scatter his toys  
And to fill with delight hearts of girls and of boys.

ALL his presents were sorted and labeled with care  
And were piled in great heaps, filling all the space there.  
So he called to his son, ruddy, jolly young Nick,  
"Come, bring round my reindeer; make haste and be quick."

"WHY, my father," the rollicksome youth then replied,  
"Your good reindeer of age have every one died;  
Also that mode of travel is quite out of date.  
Keep abreast of the times; you must strike a new gait."



POOR old Santa looked stumped, and he paused, hung his  
head;  
Then he heaved a deep sigh and sorrowfully said,  
"I suppose I must yield, with the times keep apace,  
So bring round an auto, if there's one 'bout the place."

YOUTHFUL Nick winked an eye, and he dropped a sly  
smile.  
"My good father," said he, "you're off many a mile.  
You'd be thought a back number to auto the trip.  
To be quite up with style you must use an airship."

FOR a moment the old man did not speak a word.  
With violent emotions his bosom was stirred.  
But at length he looked up, gave a toss of his head.  
"Bring hither an up to date airship," he said.

WHEN the airship appeared Santa said, with a grin:  
"Now, my son, she is ready; make haste and jump in.  
In this newfangled sleigh o'er the world you may roam  
And distribute the presents, and I'LL STAY AT HOME."



## UNCLE SAM'S CHRISTMAS.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

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OUR UNCLE SAM, that busy wight  
Whose duties never let him pause,  
Appeared on Christmas eve, bedight  
In merry garb of Santa Claus.

"Now must I haste," cried Uncle Sam,  
"Lest I forget some child or child  
Of mine, his stockings full to cram,  
From out my pack with treasures piled."  
Then swift through forty-seven states,  
And territories three or four,  
He scooted, leaving sleds and skates  
And fenderols at every door.

"Hal Up to '98 or so,"  
Said Uncle Sam, "my work was done  
With this, but now I fear—ho, ho—  
My task is scarcely yet begun!"

So off he sailed across the sweep  
Of salty waters, mile on mile,  
And gladdened every child asleep  
In Forto Rico's placid isle.

Then swift and far his airship flew,  
Till every Filipino tot,  
Or black or blond, or brown or blue,  
Abundant Christmas presents got.

And sailing back above the isles  
Where swart Kanakas frisk and play,  
He poured Hawaii's piles and piles  
Of gewgaws made for Christmas day.

"I'm through," cried Uncle Sam, "at last!"  
And then the jolly rogue said: "Pah! w!  
I wonder if I ought to cast  
Some ballast off on Panama!"

## WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

By AN OLD BACHELOR.

Christmas to me means opportunity.  
For what?  
Opportunity for kindness.  
It is perhaps fifteen years since I received a Christmas present. I'm an old bachelor, and nobody remembers me. Yet that doesn't make me glum and grouchy at Christmas—no, sirree. I'm not particularly fond of children. Maybe if I were I would have married and raised a few of my own. Still, I don't dislike the little ones, and every year I run across a lot of boys and girls who have no Santa Claus of their own—little orphan fellows and God's poor. Well, when Christmas comes along I remember these children. I'm their Santa Claus in a small way. Last Christmas I spent \$9 and made nearly forty children happy. I've got a ten dollar bill laid up to spend in the same way this Christmas, and I'll bet anybody another ten that the old bachelor will get as much joy out of spending that "X" as all the little ones combined.

## CORN SHOW

In The Pythian Armory Is  
A Great Success

Much Grain On Exhibition—  
Lectures To Be Given

The third annual corn show under the auspices of the Knox County Corn Growers' Association opened in the Pythian Armory Friday morning with a large exhibit of corn and other grain.

There were about 165 exhibits in the corn department and a liberal number in the other grain departments. There was also a fine exhibit of potatoes.

The judges of the show are Charles Bone of Utica and E. D. Wald of Ohio State University. Both judges state that the corn exhibit was far above the average.

Each exhibit of corn consists of ten ears, each exhibit of wheat, oats and potatoes consists of one peck and each exhibit of grass seed consists of one gallon.

A large number of premiums will be awarded during the show.

Three lectures have been arranged for the show. Friday afternoon at one o'clock E. D. Wald of Ohio State University lectured on "Corn Improvement."

Saturday morning Mr. W. A. Lloyd of Wooster is scheduled to deliver an address on "The Work of the Experiment Station," and on Saturday afternoon Mr. E. D. Wald is to deliver a second address. His subject will be "The Growing of Wheat."

There is no charge to these lectures and the public is cordially invited to attend the show and also hear the lectures.

## GOOD ROADS

To Be Discussed At Next  
Meeting Of Citizens'  
Association

At the last meeting of the Mt. Vernon Citizens' Association it was decided that the next regular meeting, which was to be held January 4, be devoted exclusively to the subject of good roads and to this end the association has secured several of the best road experts of the state to be present to testify to the benefit derived by other towns throughout the state and country by their good roads movement and also to give data as to how the roads can be built and the expense connected therewith. All persons are invited to be present who are in any way interested in good roads or the welfare of the community.

In connection with this meeting a light supper will be served, full particulars of which will be given at a later date. Watch the papers for further data and come filled with enthusiasm. Let everyone get their shoulder to the wheel and boost this great movement along.

## LAST WILL

Of Cora Rollins Has Been  
Filed In Probate

The last will and testament of Cora Rollins, late of Jackson township, has been filed in probate. By the terms of the will she gives to her husband, James Rollins, \$100, this being his entire share in the estate. To her daughter, Leota M. Mason, she gives all her property, both real and personal. Edgar Beckley is named as executor of the will which was signed July 9, 1910, and witnessed by John R. Cessna and Sarah J. Cessna.

Deeds Filed—  
Bruce E. McMillan to Walter F. McMillan, 111 acres in Union, \$3,680.  
Victrola McMillan to Walter F. McMillan, same, \$920.

Trustees of Union township to Wm H. Meginnis, part lot 65. Workman's add., Workman's cemetery, \$12.50.  
Martha A. Chancey to Carrie Chancey, part lot 106, Fredericktown, \$300.

Mr. Harry Baughman left Saturday morning for his home in Hamilton, Ohio, after a several days' visit with his father, Mr. John Baughman of West Gambier street.

## Lodge Elections

National Union  
Owl Creek Council, No. 299, National Union, elected these officers at a meeting Thursday evening:  
President—B. F. Kunkle.  
Vice President—P. B. Church.  
Speaker—W. H. Thompson.  
Secretary—George A. Moore.  
Financial Secretary—J. L. Brinning.  
Treasurer—B. R. Parker.  
Chaplain—Melvin Bedell.  
Usher—Thomas Kelly.  
Sergeant—L. G. Hunt.  
Door Keeper—Frank Wolfe.  
Trustees—Melvin Bedell, Charles Church, L. G. Hunt.

Centerburg G. A. R.  
Debolt post, No. 396, G. A. R., at their last regular meeting, elected the following officers:  
P. C.—W. M. Barnard.  
V. C.—W. A. Riley.  
J. V.—Morgan Thomas.  
O. of D.—W. A. Wintermute.  
O. of G.—J. J. Tuttle.  
Chaplain—J. C. Sutton.  
Surgeon—Wm. Beach.  
Inspector—Phil E. Robertson.  
Officers will be installed at next regular meeting, Saturday, Jan. 7.

Centerburg S. of V.  
At a very enthusiastic meeting of Centerburg camp, No. 62, Sons of Veterans, held Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, the following officers were elected for 1911:

Commander—A. T. Willey.  
Senior Vice—Homer C. Smith.  
Junior Vice—G. P. Fuller.  
Patriotic Instructor—W. A. White.  
Treasurer—J. B. Messmore.  
Secretary—S. Robert Best.  
Chaplain—C. H. Bishop.  
Guide—L. J. Fowls.  
Color Bearer—O. B. Messmore.  
Inside Guard—V. E. Brokaw.  
Outer Guard—Harry Messmore.  
Musician—R. M. Hasson.  
Camp Council—C. W. Coe, H. L. Messmore and Chas. Riley.  
Delegates—J. B. Messmore, S. R. Best and W. A. White.

LeRoy Baker Post  
At a regular meeting of LeRoy Baker Post, No. 120, G. A. R., of Danville the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:  
Post Commander—Dewalt Fulmer.  
S. V. Commander—George Logsdon.  
J. V. Commander—Wm. Brillhart.  
Chaplain—James Temple.  
O. M.—J. R. Lybarger.  
Adjutant—O. D. Welker.  
Officer of the Day—Frank Logsdon.  
Officer of the Guard—David Davis.  
Sergeant—Christian Bros.  
S. M.—J. L. Welrick.  
A. M.—S. A. Bartlett.

LODGE ELECTION  
Milford Grange  
Milford Grange, No. 1491, elected these officers Friday evening:  
Master—Blen Gearhart.  
Overseer—Frank Chapman.  
Lecturer—Mrs. L. M. Bottenfield.  
Steward—T. R. Ewing.  
Assistant Steward—C. Pickering.  
Chaplain—D. Gearhart.  
Treasurer—C. D. Morey.  
Secretary—C. T. Coe.  
Gate Keeper—C. B. Jackson.  
Pomona—Mrs. T. R. Ewing.  
Flora—Miss A. Gantt.  
Ceres—Mrs. F. Chapman.  
L. A. S.—Miss L. Wagner.  
Organist—Miss L. Gantt.  
Trustee—M. Pickering.

Odd Fellows  
Centerburg lodge, No. 666, I. O. O. F., has elected the following officers:  
N. G.—Louis Downs.  
V. G.—G. E. McConchie.  
Financial Secretary—Henry Ulery.  
Recording Secretary—Geo. Webb.  
Treasurer—Dr. J. B. Wilson.  
Trustees—Manford Williamson, Henry Ulery and Hubert Updike.

Knights of Pythias  
Hawthorn lodge, No. 228, Knights of Pythias, has elected the following officers, to be installed the first meeting night in January:  
C. C.—L. M. Dally.  
V. C.—L. O. Jackson.  
Prelate—J. L. Waldorf.  
M. at A.—Clyde Dove.  
M. of W.—Grant Willis.  
K. of R. & S.—H. E. Dilger.  
M. of F.—W. D. Willis.  
M. of E.—A. T. Willey.  
I. G.—D. M. Hasson.  
O. G.—E. R. Brown.  
Representative to Grand Lodge—W. D. Willis.  
Alternate—J. T. Best.

## FINGERS CUT OFF

While making Christmas toys in his workshop at Lakehome Thursday, Mr. Ben Ames caught the fingers of his right hand in a circle saw and the ends of the index, middle and ring fingers were severed. Two surgeons were called to dress the injuries.

## Temporary Heat Quickly

Did you ever stop to think of the many ways in which a perfect oil heater is of value? If you want to sleep with your window open in winter, you can get sufficient heat from an oil heater while you undress at night, and then turn it off. Apply a match in the morning, when you get out of bed, and you have heat while you dress.

Those who have to eat an early breakfast before the stove is radiating heat can get immediate warmth from an oil heater, and then turn it off. The girl who practices on the piano in a cold room in the morning can have warmth from an oil heater while she plays, and then turn it off.

The member of the family who has to walk the floor on a cold winter's night with a restless baby can get temporary heat with an oil heater, and then turn it off. The



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Judge Frank O. Levering, Mr. Charles C. Iams and Mr. Frank Harper were Columbus visitors this afternoon.

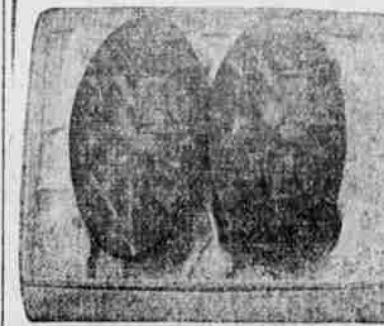
Mrs. A. J. Pipes was tendered a post card shower last Tuesday in honor of her birthday anniversary. She received 235 cards.

## We Have It

Just lots of nice things yet

FOR MOTHER  
Combs, Brushes, Mirrors, etc.

FOR FATHER  
Shaving sets... \$2.50 up  
Safety razor... \$1 & \$5  
Smoker set... \$1.25 up  
Cigars... 50c box up



FOR BROTHER  
Military brushes, \$3 up  
Real Ebony... \$4.50 up  
Toilet Water... 25c up

FOR SISTER  
Toilet set... \$3.00 up  
Writing Paper, priced at 25c to \$1.50  
Perfume... 25c up  
Box Candy, 1, 2 and 5 lb.

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## FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF BUTTER BOARD

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17—A fight for the control of the Elgin butter board, whose weekly quotations have served for more than a quarter of a century as a basis on which butter was bought and sold in practically every part of the United States, will come to a head Monday, when the board will hold its annual election of officers and committees. The fight is being waged by Chicago members of the board who have long contended that the naming of the opening price of butter each week has been done under farcical conditions. Since the first of the year the Chicago members have been fighting to bring about lower prices. They maintain that the butter board is manipulated solely in the interests of a clique and they threaten to make some startling revelations at the annual meeting if those in control do not agree to reform their methods of procedure.

Mrs. Mary R. McCune went to Battle Creek, Mich., Thursday for a stay of several weeks.